



The  
National  
Medal of  
Science

NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

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Dear Nominator:

The National Medal of Science, established by Congress in 1959, is the Nation's highest honor for American scientists and engineers presented annually by the President of the United States. It is with great pleasure to open the call for nominations for the 2006 Medals.

The National Medal of Science is presented to individuals deserving of special recognition by reason of their outstanding contributions to knowledge in the social/behavioral, physical, biological, chemical, mathematical, or engineering sciences.

Since its establishment, the Medal has been awarded to 417 distinguished scientists and engineers whose careers spanned decades of research and development. The laureates have made major impacts in fields of science and engineering through career-long, ground-breaking achievements and on the individual disciplines for which the awards are given. The Medal also recognizes contributions to innovation, industry or education.

There are numerous younger American scientists and engineers, many of them women and minorities, now reaching the point in their careers where their contributions are worthy of recognition. Your efforts to identify worthy nominees for the Medal in this public recognition of outstanding contributions are critical to its success.

The deadline for submitting 2006 nominations and supporting letters is November 30, 2005 [[www.fastlane.nsf.gov/honawards/](http://www.fastlane.nsf.gov/honawards/)]. Nominations will be reviewed by the Committee and recommendations will be forwarded to the President for the final decision for the 2006 Awardees. On behalf of the President's Committee on the National Medal of Science, I want to thank you in advance for your time and effort in nominating individuals for this Award.

Sincerely,

Jean'ne M. Shreeve  
Chairman

